

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Davis (4,227,487). Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davis.

Drawings

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Allowable Subject Matter and Claim Amendments

Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting that claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if written in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has amended claim 4 to include the limitations of claim 6, thereby effectively rewriting the claim in independent form. Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 4. Applicant has also chosen to cancel claim 6. As a result, all claims now recite allowable subject matter. Therefore, the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 103(a) are rendered moot and no specific response to the cited art is deemed necessary.

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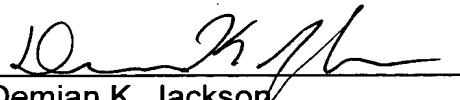
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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